

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

Group: 1

Program: Whole-of-Portfolio

Question No. SBE14/158

Senator Ludwig asked the following written question from the 20 November and 11 December 2014 hearings.

Please refer to the questions for each of the following appointments announced in the evening of Thursday 11 December 2014:

Appointments to Council of the Australian National Maritime Museum

- Former WA Liberal Senator Ian Campbell.
- Former NSW Liberal MP Peter Collins.

Appointment to the Council of the National Museum of Australia

- Conservative opinion columnist Janet Albrechtsen.

Appointment to the Board of the National Film and Sound Archive

- Former Liberal National Party MP Paul Neville.

Appointment to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal

- Former ACT Liberal Senator Gary Humphries as Deputy President.

1. What is the annual base salary or daily sitting fee for each position?
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3. What superannuation entitlement, if any, applies to each position?
4. Does the position attract a travelling allowance payment? If so, what is the quantum of the payment? If it varies according to location, please provide a detailed list.
5. If the appointee flies at Commonwealth expense, are they entitled to fly business class?
6. Does the position attract a travel entitlement for members of the appointee's family? If so, please describe the entitlement.
7. Is the appointee entitled to use Comcar?
8. Does the appointee receive a mobile telephone or internet connection allowance? If so, what is the quantum of this allowance?
9. What other entitlements or allowances apply?
10. What is the total value of the remuneration package for the appointee?
11. Why did the Minister leave it until after the daily deadlines for all major news outlets to announce these appointments?
12. Why did the Minister wait until the Christmas period to announce these appointments?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

Please see the below in relation to each of the named appointees.

Appointments to Council of the Australian National Maritime Museum (ANMM)

• Ian Campbell

• Peter Collins

1. \$20,480 per annum.
2. Please see the answer to question 1.
3. 15.4% of the base salary.
4. Yes, the payment of a travelling allowance is made in accordance with Schedule A to Remuneration Tribunal *Determination 2013/16: Official Travel by Office Holders* (available at < <http://www.remtribunal.gov.au/offices/part-time-offices>>).
5. Yes, in accordance with Remuneration Tribunal *Determination 2013/16: Official Travel by Office Holders* Remuneration Tribunal *Determination 2014/08: Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office* (available at <<http://www.remtribunal.gov.au/offices/part-time-offices>>).
6. No.
7. No.
8. No.
9. Nil.
10. \$23,634 per annum.
11. The announcement of appointments is a matter for the Government.
12. The announcement of appointments is a matter for the Government.

Appointment to the Council of the National Museum of Australia (NMA)

• Janet Albrechtsen

1. \$20,480 per annum.
2. Please see the answer to question 1.
3. 9.5% of the base salary.
4. Yes, the payment of a travelling allowance is made in accordance with Schedule A to Remuneration Tribunal *Determination 2013/16: Official Travel by Office Holders* (available at < <http://www.remtribunal.gov.au/offices/part-time-offices>>).
5. Yes, in accordance with Remuneration Tribunal *Determination 2013/16: Official Travel by Office Holders* Remuneration Tribunal *Determination 2014/08: Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office* (available at <<http://www.remtribunal.gov.au/offices/part-time-offices>>). However, the Council voluntarily agreed in December 2014 to travel economy unless flights were of three hours duration or longer.
6. No.
7. Yes.
8. No.
9. Nil.
10. \$22,426 per annum.
11. The announcement of appointments is a matter for the Government.
12. The announcement of appointments is a matter for the Government.

Appointment to the Board of the National Film and Sound Archive (NFSA)

• Paul Neville

1. \$20,480 per annum.
2. Please see the answer to question 1.

3. 15.4% of the base salary.
4. Yes, the payment of a travelling allowance is made in accordance with Schedule A to Remuneration Tribunal *Determination 2013/16: Official Travel by Office Holders* (available at < <http://www.remtribunal.gov.au/offices/part-time-offices>>).
5. Yes, in accordance with Remuneration Tribunal *Determination 2013/16: Official Travel by Office Holders* Remuneration Tribunal *Determination 2014/08: Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office* (available at <<http://www.remtribunal.gov.au/offices/part-time-offices>>). However, as a matter of policy the NFSA would normally book economy class for domestic travel.
6. No.
7. No.
8. No.
9. Nil.
10. \$23,634 per annum.
11. The announcement of appointments is a matter for the Government.
12. The announcement of appointments is a matter for the Government.

Appointment to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT)

• Gary Humphries

1. \$334,870 per annum, as provided for in Table 3 of *Determination 2014/09: Judicial and Related Offices – Remuneration and Allowances* (available at <<http://www.remtribunal.gov.au/offices/judicial-and-related-offices>>).
2. Please see the answer to question 1.
3. 15.4% of the base salary.
4. Yes, the payment of a travelling allowance is made in accordance with Schedule A to Remuneration Tribunal *Determination 2014/15: Official Travel by Office Holders* (available at <<http://www.remtribunal.gov.au/offices/full-time-offices>>). Allowances vary according to location and the Deputy President is entitled to Tier 1 travelling allowance.
5. Yes, as provided for in Part 2 of Remuneration Tribunal *Determination 2013/16: Official Travel by Office Holders* (available at < <http://www.remtribunal.gov.au/offices/full-time-offices>>).
6. Yes. Where the President certifies that it is demonstrably in the interest of the Commonwealth, the Deputy President may be accompanied by his spouse/partner. His spouse/partner may travel at the same class of travel. This arrangement is provided for in Part 2 of Remuneration Tribunal *Determination 2013/16: Official Travel by Office Holders*.
7. No.
8. No.
9. Full-time members of the AAT are entitled to four weeks paid recreation leave for each completed year of service, and the *Long Service Leave (Commonwealth Employees) Act 1976* applies to full-time members. This is provided for in *Determination 2014/09: Judicial and Related Offices – Remuneration and Allowances*.
10. \$458,730 per annum, as provided for in Table 3 of *Determination 2014/09: Judicial and Related Offices – Remuneration and Allowances*.
11. The announcement of appointments is a matter for the Government.
12. The announcement of appointments is a matter for the Government.